

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Subcommittee on Employment and Training, Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 1997, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is Innovations in Adult Training. For further information, please call the committee.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet in SR-301, Russell Senate Office Building, on Thursday, April 17, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the committee's course of action regarding petitions filed in connection with a contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996.

For further information concerning this hearing, please contact Bruce Kasold of the Rules Committee staff.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 10, 1997 at 2:30 p.m. in SR-328A to consider the nominations of Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, to be a member of the board of directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation; Vice Edward Charles Williamson; and Velma Ann Jorgensen, of Iowa, to be a member of the Farm Credit Administration Board for the term expiring May 21, 2002, Gary C. Byrne, resigned.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 10, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. multi-channel video competition.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Thursday, April 10, 1997, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 10, 1997, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 10, 1997, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, April 10, at 10 a.m. for a hearing on IRS and the Taxpayer at Risk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 10, 1997 beginning at 10:30 a.m. to receive testimony from outside counsel concerning petitions filed in connection with a contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing on S. 208, the HUBZone Act of 1997 on Thursday, April 10, 1997, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 10, 1997 at 2 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACQUISITION AND TECHNOLOGY

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 1997, in open session, to receive testimony on science and technology research in review of S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, PROLIFERATION, AND FEDERAL SERVICES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services to meet on Thursday, April 10, at 2 p.m. for a hearing on "Proliferation: Chinese Case Studies".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the subcommittee on Readiness of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 1997 in open session, to receive testimony on Department of Defense Depot Maintenance privatization initiatives in review of S. 450, the National Defense Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 10, 1997, at 2 p.m. earthquake hazard reduction.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

WITHDRAWAL OF COSPONSORSHIP OF S. 525

• Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, today I withdraw as a cosponsor of S. 525.

I recognize the need to address the challenge represented by millions of uninsured children. In addition, I am in favor of any effort to discourage tobacco use, which is our Nation's No. 1 health problem. For these reasons, I initially agreed to assist Senator HATCH.

However, after a complete review of the actual language of the bill, I find that it moves in the wrong direction. Accordingly, with great regret for any problems this may pose for my colleague and friend, I have taken my name off the bill as a cosponsor. •

NEW MEXICO'S OUTSTANDING WOMEN BUSINESSOWNERS

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the outstanding achievements of the "Top 25" women-owned businesses in New Mexico that are being honored by Albuquerque Woman magazine. These businesses—small-, medium-, and large-sized—are all contributing to the economic well-being of our State.

It is not easy to start up a new business venture, and it is even more difficult to become a prosperous enterprise. Economic success requires the dedication, hard work and know how that all of the winners of the "Top 25" awards have shown. But successful businesses operated by caring individuals generate more than economic growth, they also build our communities. If you look at the list of the businessowners that I will include later in my statement, you will notice many